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The Banner was in error a few days ago in stating that the board of education had been appointed, but with the many matters that are to be decided in the near future it is probable that the appointments will be made without great delay.

Mexico in the meantime goes right along killing Americans and the total there is many times the American death list of the Lusitania. The war in Europe is a war of fairly efficient civilized restraint. There have been atrocities committed by individuals of all the nations at war, without question, but in Mexico it is a warfare of savages with all the savage horrors that the half civilized Mexican outlaws can invent. The point about it that is the most humiliating to Americans is that the Mexicans think the United States is afraid to interfere. British and German subjects are respected and let alone by all the factions because the Mexicans have learned in the past that Germany and England compel them to suffer heavily in case of violation of treaty rights. It is no offense though to kill, rob or outrage an American for the United States merely protests and does nothing. It is a yellow record we have in dealing with the Mexicans the past two years.

To Americans the determination of the Italians to force their country into the war against Austria and Germany is the most shocking result that the conflict has developed Italy, for years, has been in close alliance with Germany and Austria. With their backing and support she was able only two or three years ago, to make war on Turkey and seize Tripoli which she wanted for colonial expansion. This seizure, while unjust to some degree, is not seriously to be regretted for Tripoli will be better governed by Italy than it ever would be by the Turks. In centuries past there has been a great deal of conflict between Italy and Austria. Italy has sometimes been under the domination of Austria and Austria sometimes has been governed from Rome, but the present separation of Italians and Austrians have no real cause for strife. During the first six months of the war there was tremendous effort of German diplomacy on one side and English gold on the other to get the help of Italy. British gold appears to have won aided by the temperamental excitability of the Italian people. King Victor Emmanuel and his advisers have doubtless tried hard to keep Italy neutral, but are now driven by the untimely populace to make an unprovoked and unjustified attack on Austria. It seems an act of brigandage against the friends and allies of Italy for the past forty years and utterly indefensible. If justice prevails it would look as though Italy ought to get the worst of the encounter but with Austria and Germany hard pressed by France, Russia and England the forces of Italy are likely to prove enough to turn the scale.

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The Second League finished their schedule Thursday night on the "Y" alleys, the High school defeating the Big Mill 5 to 0. The final standing of the teams follows:

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Local Option.
The first day under license after a year without the legalized sale of liquor in Bennington witnessed a larger amount of drunkenness than had been expected. There was little disorder of any kind and but three arrests were made, two on Saturday and one on Sunday. There were many more drunks about the streets and in the vicinity of the saloons than there should have been, even on opening day. The same condition of affairs existed which made the town vote no license a year ago in March and even worse. There is a disposition to look at the excesses Saturday night with leniency because of its being the first day after a year of no license but the license commissioners and liquor dealers should see that it does not happen again.—Bennington Banner.

No item published in a Vermont paper in the past 10 years is more significant of the difference between local option and state-wide prohibition than the foregoing. What newspaper would have dared to speak out so plainly under the prohibitory law? Where was the force of public sentiment ever so frankly invoked in the days of Room 27 at the end of the hall?

Unless the licensees in Bennington effect a reform in the conduct of their business, they will be put out of business next March, even though the Perry referendum should fail in the state at large. It is just the same with each of the towns which have granted licenses for the sale of liquor.

Under local option abuse of the license privilege brings its prompt and certain retribution. Under prohibition, the stealthy dive flourishes without regulation and speedily surrounds itself with a corrupt and debauched influence which state and county authorities find it nearly impossible to break through for remedy and punishment.

What observer of courts and justice has failed to witness the deplorable spectacle of the patrons of an illicit saloon perjury themselves to the eyes to protect the wretched lawbreaker who purveyed their liquor?

Is Vermont prepared to exchange the efficient regulation of the traffic under local option for the wide-open abuses of a prohibitory law whose failure was almost universally admitted?—Rutland Herald.

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